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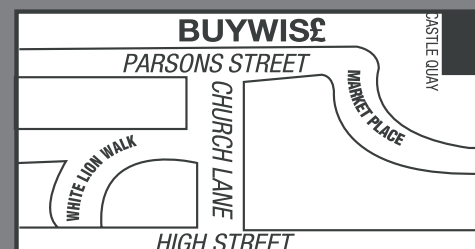
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Mayoral chain finds a new neck to hang from

Meet Nicholas Turner, the
new mayor of Banbury:
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Mum takes on 10km race for friend's son with leukaemia

RUNNING TO HELP TAYLOR

THEY have been friends since they could crawl and still live within a stone's throw of each other.

So it was no surprise that when Sian Shirley's son Taylor was diagnosed with leukaemia, best friend Sharon Green was there for her.

The Banbury youngster, 12, was diagnosed aged seven with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia.

Now Mrs Green is to take on Monday's Bupa London 10,000 10km run with work colleagues to raise cash for research into the disease.

The 44-year-old said: "When she was

By Oliver Evans

born my mum looked after her, she was like the little sister I never had.

"We have been very close to Taylor. He has been part of our family."

Growing up as neighbours, the friends still live closely, with Mrs Green's family in Queens Way and the Shirleys' in Church View.

Even Mrs Green's husband Alan is a lifelong friend of Mrs Shirley's husband Paul.

After going into remission the Shirley

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InBRIEF

Housing plans are deferred

■ **BANBURY:** A decision on 350 homes north of the Hardwick estate at Hanwell fields has been deferred by Cherwell District Council.

Its planning committee was asked to decide on Thursday.

It is included in the council's draft plan of where estates should go by 2031 and councillors said consultation on this should be completed before a decision is made on the 350 homes.

A plan for up to 44 homes on part of Banbury Academy's playing field was also deferred.

85-home bid is rejected

■ **DEDDINGTON:** Plans for 85 homes off Banbury Road have been rejected by Cherwell District Council.

Its planning committee threw out the plan last Thursday despite planning officer Caroline Roche recommending approval.

She said the Prudential Pensions Ltd plan would help meet a housing shortfall and would have "no significant harmful effects".

Free wi-fi

■ **BANBURY:** The train station has now been equipped with free wi-fi. Access will be free for up to an hour, then £2 for a day.

■ NHS trust says talk of threat to hospital 'undermines confidence'

MP denies 'plot' to downgrade Horton

By Oliver Evans

THERE is "no dark plot" to downgrade the Horton General Hospital of services, Banbury MP Sir Tony Baldry has said.

The Conservative spoke out after concerns about delays in a decision on the future of emergency abdominal surgery, removed in January.

In a statement, Sir Tony said: "There is no dark plot amongst clinicians or managers of the Oxford University Hospital NHS Trust to undermine the Horton."

He pointed to the hospital keeping its consultant-led maternity service and the setting up of a new dialysis unit.

Views on its future can be given to a forthcoming consultation, he added.

Emergency abdominal surgery was stopped in January after the Horton lost three of its five specialist doctors.

A planned spring 2013 consultation will now be completed by the end of next March so the

Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group – which makes funding decisions – can carry out its own consultation.

Sir Tony said: "We shall need to work with GPs whose practices send patients to the Horton to ensure that the Horton retains the widest possible range of services and that there is no suggestion of the Horton losing any of the services that we all worked collectively so hard to win."

It comes after trust chief executive Sir Jonathan Michael said the Keep the Horton General cam-

paign group are "seeking to give the impression that there is some form of crisis at the Horton".

He warned this could "undermine public confidence" and damage its future.

But former Horton physician and group member Dr Peter Fisher said he was concerned by reports of general surgery patients being sent to Oxford. The trust said a "very small" number went to Oxford because of "implementation issues".

Dr Fisher said: "There is a question mark over whether we could continue to admit medical emergencies." It will meet managers on June 3, he said.



Sir Tony Baldry at Banbury's Horton Hospital

Family friend runs to honour Taylor

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Academy, in Bodicote. They hope to raise £1,000 for Children with Cancer UK, which funds research and care.

She said: "You can't imagine what they have gone through. It was so heartbreaking to watch. You try to help them as much as you can."

The mum of three boys will take on the 10km challenge from The Mall with colleagues from her Sharon Green Dance

Academy, in Bodicote. They hope to raise £1,000 for Children with Cancer UK, which funds research and care.

She said: "The girls know him and Sian so they said 'we will run with you'."

Mr Shirley, 46, also dad with Sian to Mitchell, nine, praised their efforts to honour football-mad Banbury Academy pupil Taylor.

He said: "It is great, any-

thing that raises money to fund research is good."

He said of his diagnosis: "We had been on holiday for a fortnight and we got back on the Tuesday."

"He was grumpy and tired and he played football on the Saturday and couldn't breathe."

"He felt his chest was really tight. We took him to the hospital on the Sunday morning to A&E and he was diagnosed

within an hour and a half.

"I thought he perhaps had asthma or something. We said we would be at A&E for a couple of hours and we got home seven days later."

"They didn't expect it to come back the first time around, he was classed as low risk. It was a shock."

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Scrap metal raid charges

A HEARING has been held in the case of five men arrested when police raided a North Oxfordshire scrap metal yard.

The defendants have denied charges of attempting to acquire and convert criminal property after police raided Smiths of Bloxham, near Banbury, in May last year.

It was part of Operation Symphony, in which Thames Valley Police targeted scrap metal yards across Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Hertfordshire.

Peter Smith, 68, of Bloxham Road, Bloxham, has denied charges of attempting to acquire and convert criminal property.

Tommy Smith, 36, of Bloxham Road, Bloxham, Joey Smith, 23, of Milton Road, Adderbury, Henry Penfold, 21, of Tadmerton Road, Bloxham, and Matthew Miles, 25, of Main Street, Great Bourton,

also denied the same charges.

In total they pleaded not guilty to 43 counts allegedly committed between January and May last year.

On Thursday, May 16, at Oxford Crown Court, a judge heard legal arguments from defence and prosecution barristers.

The defendants were not required to attend and remain on conditional bail.

They will now face trial in connection with the purchase of stripped power cables, a Mitsubishi FTO, cigarettes and BT cables which, the prosecution alleges, they knew or suspected to be stolen.

Tommy Smith also denied possessing a shotgun without a licence and possessing a prohibited weapon on May 29 last year. Their trial is due to start on November 4 and is expected to last three weeks.



New mayor of Banbury Nicholas Turner

■ 'Honour town's volunteers'

Mayor sets up awards

NEW awards honouring the voluntary sector have been unveiled by the incoming mayor of Banbury.

Banbury Town Council's Nicholas Turner said the awards will recognise the selfless dedication of volunteers.

The awards will be for the best single volunteer, best group and best young volunteer.

Cash from the mayor's charity fund will also go to good causes nominated by the winners.

Conservative Mr Turner, who represents Hardwick on the town and Cherwell District Council, said: "The voluntary sector is a very important to many people in Banbury.

"I shall do all I can to support volunteers in all walks of life and I hope these new awards will go some way

By Oliver Evans

towards showing our appreciation of those people who work tirelessly to help the vulnerable, the disabled, the sick, and the needy.

"I am looking forward to carrying out my mayoral duties and will attend as many engagements as I can.

"I will endeavour to help Banbury's charities and community organisations and I also hope I can promote Banbury as a prosperous and welcoming town."

Nominations will be welcomed in the spring.

Outgoing mayor Tony Ilott said: "It has been a privilege to be the mayor of Banbury and I have many memories that I will treasure for the rest of my life."

InBRIEF

Flasher struck in restaurant

■ **BANBURY:** A man has avoided jail after exposing himself five times to staff in McDonald's.

Ashley English, of Easington Road, admitted indecent exposure in the restaurant in Bridge Street in November 2011 and January 2012.

On all five occasions, the 23-year-old bricklayer waited for female cleaners to enter the male toilets and then exposed himself.

Judge Ian Pringle told English that "only he would know" why he committed the crimes and sentenced him to a three-year sex offences group work and treatment programme.

He was also told to pay a £50 fine, £250 compensation and do 80 hours of unpaid work.

CPRE needs new trustees

OXON: The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) is looking for trustees to govern its Oxfordshire branch.

The charity says it is looking for people with a keen interest in the environment to help shape its work. CPRE Oxfordshire director Helen Marshall said: "We now have many new issues to face."

Anyone interested should contact CPRE through the website cpreoxon.org.uk

Car park takes plastic

SHOPPERS at Banbury's Castle Quay shopping centre can now pay by card as well as cash in its car parks.

Bosses have fitted chip and pin readers to payment machines at the centre, which has only taken cash since 2000.

Manager Paul Jackson, right, said: "We listen to our shoppers and they have asked us to improve our car park payment facilities – so that is exactly what we are doing."



Drugs grown in a flat

A 25-year-old man has avoided jail after being caught growing cannabis inside his flat.

Antonio Cortes, of Middleton Road, Banbury, admitted producing the Class B drug and possessing cocaine with intent to supply.

He was arrested on February 7 last year after police found boxes of equipment, used for growing cannabis, stacked outside his flat.

Inside they described the

smell of the drug as being "overwhelming" and soon found 25 immature plants along with growing equipment.

They also found 27.3g of cocaine, which was valued by police experts as having a street value of as much as £16,080.

Judge Ian Pringle, at Oxford Crown Court last Wednesday, sentenced Cortes to 20 months in prison, suspended for two years, with 200 hours of unpaid work and a curfew requirement.

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InBRIEF**'Routine' work at crossing**

■ **YARNTON:** Network Rail has renewed equipment at a railway crossing where an 85-year-old Banbury man was killed.

The authority closed the Sandy Lane crossing for 24 hours on May 11 to carry out an inspection and renewal work.

Work included packing ballast under tracks to make them more durable, replacing an electric motor in a barrier and renewing a barrier.

Thomas Pizzey was killed at the crossing in January when the car he was in was struck by a train.

A Network Rail spokesman described the inspection as "routine".

Electric car drivers sought

■ **BANBURY:** Electric car owners are being sought to test a new charging point at a town hotel.

Best Western Banbury House Hotel in Oxford Road is seeking volunteers on 01295 259361.

Director Anna Galvin said: "We are looking for a volunteer with an electric car so that we can see exactly how it works and complete our staff training."

British Heart Foundation store also wants your electrical items

New charity shop in appeal for furniture



Pictured cutting the ribbon at the new British Heart Foundation shop are, from left, Dr Carolyn Carr, a BHF-funded research scientist at Oxford University, mayor Nicholas Turner and manager Martin Robinson

By Oliver Evans

A CHARITY shop this week opened in part of Banbury town centre's former Argos store.

The British Heart Foundation opened a furniture and electrical store in Broad Street on Tuesday.

Argos quit the unit in January last year, but still operates from Banbury Cross Retail Park.

Mayor of Banbury Nicholas Turner and Oxford University heart researcher Dr Carolyn Carr opened the store.

Dr Carolyn Carr, whose work is funded by the charity, said: "Research funded by the British Heart Foundation has saved thousands of lives and greatly improved the quality of life for people with heart problems.

"But our fight against heart disease isn't over. To help us raise vital funds to support this lifesaving research we need Banbury locals to donate their unwanted furniture and electricals to the new Banbury store."

Charity area manager Nigel Marston said: "We've had a brilliant response from the Banbury community, receiving a range of quirky and unique items, including coffee tables, hi-fis and three-piece suites, but we still need more."

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Meet the new chairman

BICESTER East councillor Lawrie Stratford has stepped up to the role of chairman of Cherwell District Council.

The Conservative, previously vice chairman, was elected to taken on the chairman's chains on Wednesday, May 15.

Mr Stratford, pictured, has named Bicester and Banbury

foodbanks and Katharine House Hospice, Adderbury, as his chosen charities.

He said: "I'm really looking forward to the next 12 months as chairman of Cherwell District Council and thank my fellow councillors for bestowing on me this great honour."

Council's top table grows

OXFORDSHIRE County Council's top table is now bigger after Ian Hudspeth unveiled his new cabinet.

The number of councillors on the county's executive has increased from nine to 10 and roles have been shaken up.

At last week's full council meeting, Mr Hudspeth was re-elected as leader of the council and immediately appointed Rodney Rose as his deputy.

Former adult services cabinet member Arash Fatemian will take on the finance portfolio and will oversee millions of pounds of cuts already agreed by the council in its budget.

The 31-year-old Deddington councillor said: "These are challenging times for local government and I hope I can serve all residents of Oxfordshire well as I look after our county's finances."

"I'm grateful to the leader for his continued confidence in me."

Louise Chapman, 43, who previously held the cabinet post for children's services, will take on a new role co-

By Fred Whittaker

ordinating policy for the council.

She said: "I think it's a new challenge for me. I have been doing children's services for eight years and I think Ian wanted to refresh my role a bit."

"Part of my responsibility will be for the corporate plan, looking right across the council to make sure the way we're doing things the way people want us to."

Melinda Tilley will continue to be cabinet member for education with new responsibilities for children's services, while Nick Carter will continue to be in charge of business and communications.

Cllr Tilley, 69, said: "Within children's services there are a few things I would like to get sorted out."

"For example, every county councillor is a corporate parent to all the children we have in care, and I want to make sure they all know that."

Hilary Biles will remain in

the cabinet with a new brief for public health and the voluntary sector, while Judith Heathcoat will become cabinet member for adult social care.

Mrs Biles said she was "absolutely delighted" with the new role.

Lorraine Lindsay-Gale will return to the cabinet to take on a community services role, and newcomer David Nimmo-Smith will be cabinet member for environment, with responsibilities for highways.

Henley councillor Mr Nimmo-Smith, 63, said he would relish the new challenge of being on the cabinet.

He added: "I'm looking forward to it. It's going to be a challenge."

"I am a civil engineer by trade and the portfolio includes things like transport, minerals and the environment, so I should be as well placed as anybody to deal with the technical side of it."

Mrs Lindsay-Gale, 66, said she was pleased to be returning to the cabinet.

InBRIEF

Police officer back in court

■ **BANBURY:** A police officer accused of selling personal information will face court again in November.

Sugra Hanif, 26, of Bretch Hill, appeared at Winchester Crown Court last week for a plea and case management hearing.

The case was adjourned for a pre-trial hearing scheduled at the same court on November 1.

Multi-storey work begins

■ **BANBURY:** Preliminary work has started on plans to build a multi-storey car park at Banbury train station.

Work has begun to remove excess oil at land by the Royal Mail sorting office off Higham Way.

A contractor is to be appointed to the three-storey, 707-space project, to open between January and March next year.

Hospice help

■ **BANBURY:** A town gym raised £507 with an Elvis-themed night in aid of Adderbury's Katharine House Hospice. Bridge Street's Gymnophiles held a raffle in a night of King-themed fun.

Sex offender jailed

A 65-YEAR-OLD man from Sulgrave has been jailed for 12 years for sexual offences against four underage girls.

Anthony Ford had pleaded guilty to three counts of sexual activity with a child, with two girls aged seven and 13.

At Oxford Crown Court on Friday, he was found guilty by a jury of seven counts of indecent assault, two counts of indecency with a child, and one

count of sexual intercourse with a child, relating to another two girls between the ages of six and 14.

The offences were committed in Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Northamptonshire between November 1980 and April 2012.

Ford was charged on July 20 last year. He has been placed on the Sex Offenders' Register indefinitely.

InBRIEF

Two arrested over spate of burglaries

■ **W OXON:** A man has been charged with seven burglaries from houses across Oxfordshire.

A woman has also been arrested in relation to the same offences.

Danny Lane, 33, from The Beeches in Chipping Norton, was arrested on May 9, and appeared at Banbury Magistrates' Court on May 13.

The burglaries were committed on January 24-25 at a house in Wharton Road, Oxford, at a house in Henley Avenue, Iffley, Oxford on March 25, at a house in Headley Way, Oxford on April 10, at a house in Church Street, Chipping Norton on April 13, at a house in Lidstone Road, Enstone, on April 29, at a house in South Newington on May 7, and in Churchill Road, Chipping Norton, on May 9.

A 22-year-old woman from Oxford was also arrested on suspicion of burglary in connection with the same incidents.

She has been released on police bail until June 20.

Cherwell misses recycling target

■ **N OXON:** Cherwell District Council has missed a target to get 60 per cent of household waste recycled in 2012/13.

It said it hit 55 per cent because street sweepings can no longer be composted and now go to landfill.

Garden waste collection was also down in March because of the cold weather, it said.

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Warm praise for those who handed over fuel-bill cash

THE warmth of human kindness was spread across Oxfordshire during the recent harsh winter when "better-off" pensioners donated £25,000 of their free, Government fuel allowances to those struggling to heat their homes.

The Oxfordshire Community Foundation has revealed that many anonymous individuals gave the money – often a combination of their own fuel allowances and one-off donations – after the annual call to help people over 60 who were finding it hard to pay their winter fuel bills.

Oxfordshire's Surviving Winter campaign was run as part of a national initiative by the country's numerous community foundations.

The Oxfordshire branch allocated the money in the form of £125-£250 grants to individuals and also one-off awards of £750 to groups who were supporting the elderly.

OCF chief executive Jayne Woodley said: "With the help of the local media, people have been made aware of the tough financial times their fellow, elderly residents are facing.

"Working with our partners, such as Citizen Advice Bureaux, Age UK and cancer charity Maggie's, we have identified some of the most vulnerable individuals.

"Thanks to the generosity of our wonderful Surviving Winter donors, we have been able to help with the cost of fuel bills for some very deserving cases.

"We offer heartfelt thanks to everyone who made a donation to this year's Surviving Winter

By Debbie Waite

Campaign." Amongst the senior citizen groups benefitting from the Surviving Winter Campaign was the Valentine Club, one of the county's largest social groups for the elderly, with around 100 members, who enjoy monthly get-togethers in Steeple Aston Village Hall.

The group, which is 60 years old, received a £750 Surviving Winter Grant. Its committee is using the money to finance coach trips and the annual Christmas lunch.

Chairman Richard Preston said: "Running a group like this costs around £12,000 a year, but it benefits so many. We are grateful for this grant, which makes a huge difference."

Valentine Club member Pauline Rattray, 68, from Tackley, said: "It's a wonderful club. We enjoy some great trips and great company."

Ms Woodley added: "In addition to our Surviving Winter grants, OCF, working with our partners, has also allocated over £45,000 in grants through the Government-funded Warm Homes Healthy People scheme, to households in Oxfordshire who are in receipt of certain benefits.

"Together with the Surviving Winter grants, this means 311 individuals benefitted from the joint initiative this year.

● The Winter Fuel Payment is an annual tax-free payment of between £100 and £300. It is given to people born on or before July 5, 1951, to help pay for their heating in the winter.



Richard Preston pours out the tea for Valentine Club members Pauline Rattray and Brenda White

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The circuit is great!! helping me to lose inches and completely change my body shape. My challenge was to reach my year anniversary and have lost 3 stone. At my reassessment on 29th January 2013 I had lost - so far - a total of 45.75 inches and three stone! Reaching my own challenge and feeling so happy, healthy, toned, fitter and stronger.

My whole persona has become so much more confident and now not dreading the reflection I see in the mirror!! I enjoyed spending time at the gym, taking part also in the No Diet Club meetings, which is a 10 week course that helps with the psychological side to why we eat, what we eat and the reasons behind it. This has definitely helped me in changing my whole outlook on food, and so I have continued to eat healthily and exercise regularly resulting in me now losing FIVE stone overall and 51.75 inches as of 26th March 2013, a mere 14 months since joining Gymophobics.

Now the gym is under new management, and they were looking for part time instructors, I jumped at the chance to work there and help other ladies that would normally shy away from gyms, but wanted to lose weight. I am now a qualified instructor working on the circuit hoping my story will inspire others that may think there is nowhere for them to go and get help with their challenges!!

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Smartphone software to help ecologists plot invasion of the harlequin

App designed to spot the ladybird

ECOLOGISTS say they've been "inspired" by the number of nature lovers helping to track a ladybird that is bugging the UK's native species.

Now, a new mobile phone app has been launched – to enable experts to gain a further insight into the invasion by the Harlequin ladybird.

The free iRecord ladybirds app is the brainchild of scientists at Oxfordshire's Centre for Ecology and Hydrology who have been

working with a team at Bristol University.

Dr Helen Roy, from the centre, said: "We have been inspired by the number of people getting involved with the UK Ladybird Survey,

By Andrew Ffrench

via email, online recording, Twitter and traditional letters. The observations they submit are invaluable.

"With the new app, we now have a further opportunity to continue monitoring the Harlequin ladybird alongside other species, to develop our understanding of the invasion process."

The smartphone software works by using GPS location fixing. If you come across either a Harlequin or a native seven-spot ladybird, you can get information and

images to provide identification. The details will then be recorded, in the hope that the different species can be tracked more effectively.

Experts believe of this kind have the potential to "transform the way we record and monitor wildlife populations". They hope that with the help of the public, the new recording app will discover whether the UK's native ladybird species will bounce back.

A recent study led by the centre revealed that seven out of eight UK ladybirds had declined over five years following the arrival of the harlequin in 2004. The numbers of the two-spot species fell by almost half.

Dr Roy, who is leading the study, said there was "very little that could be done" about the invader's foothold in Britain, but said



Dr Helen Roy, from the Centre for Hydrology and Ecology with the ladybird app. FAR LEFT: The Harlequin ladybird. BELOW: The native seven-spot ladybird OX59177



the discovery gave a broader insight into the introduction of alien species in this country.

Tens of thousands of people have already contributed to the online UK Ladybird Survey and, with continued help from

the public using the new recording app, those behind the survey hope to discover whether the UK's native ladybird species will survive, as well as gaining further insights into the invasion process over the years to come.

Results from the project will be posted on ladybird-survey.org

The app can be downloaded by searching for iRecord Ladybirds in the Apple Store.

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Man accused of killing wife said she attacked him with a knife Murder defendant claims 'retaliation'



Andrew and Janee Parsons

ANDREW Parsons has told a jury he "lost control" and stabbed his wife to death in "retaliation" after she attacked him first with a knife.

The 38-year-old, who played football for Banbury's Easington Sports club, denies murder and this week gave his account of Janee Parsons' death for the first time during his trial at Oxford Crown Court.

Mrs Parsons was repeatedly stabbed in the couple's home in Lucerne Avenue, Bicester, as she prepared for a weekend away with her new lover, Daniel Hansens.

Last week, a jury heard Mrs Parsons and her young son screaming and begging for her life in audio footage of the crime captured by a voice recorder taped under her bed.

On Monday, Parsons told the court he used the device to secretly record his 31-year-old wife's conversations after November 14 when she revealed to him that she had met someone else.

He said this led to an argument on the morning of December 1, which escalated when he accused his wife of

By Joe Nimmo

lying to him about her new relationship.

Giving evidence from the dock, Parsons described how the couple ended up struggling on the upstairs landing of their house.

He said: "We were both on the landing and I'm in her way and she's trying to get downstairs.

"She goes at me and I reacted and went back at her.

"She had her mobile phone in her hand and she hit me round the face with it, so I threw a punch."

Parsons said he then went downstairs to get a towel, but remembered they were upstairs and returned to the landing.

He told the jury he found his wife crouching down and holding a large kitchen knife he had been using to open boxes.

He said: "Janee was semi-crouched down against the bedroom door. She had a knife in her hand.

"I could see the knife. I just went to disarm her. I lunged towards her from the top of the stairs. She swung the knife towards me and cut me on the hand."

Parsons said he had "completely lost control" adding: "I just lost it. I don't know what I did or said."

Asked by David Hislop QC, defending, who inflicted the numerous stab wounds his wife was received, Parsons said: "It was me."

Afterwards he said he was "shocked and panicky" and could only think about getting his young son, who had witnessed the killing, out of the house.

But prosecutor Miranda Moore QC suggested to the former semi-professional footballer he was "lying" about what had happened.

She said: "She lay there for seven minutes dying before you left the house."

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Parsons replied: "I can't explain what things were going on and how I did them or why. I can't explain."

The trial continues.



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■ Conservation charity in £965,000 bid for Lottery funding

A payout hope for ponds



CARNIVOROUS plants in the county's ponds are one species set to benefit from a huge funding boost.

Oxfordshire-based charity Pond Conservation has received initial support for a £965,000 bid from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The charity wants to fund a nationwide project, preserving species such as the carnivorous bladderwort, reducing pond pollution and gathering data about pond life across the UK.

Charity chief Jeremy Biggs said: "We are thrilled that the Lottery has agreed to support the development of the 'People, Ponds and Water Programme'.

"We have received the initial support, but once you

By Pete Hughes

have that, 90 per cent of projects get through."

The programme has three aims.

Firstly, it will identify the UK's 500 most important "flagship ponds".

Mr Biggs said: "These are the crème de la crème of Britain's freshwater habitats; jewels in the landscape that make a unique contribution to Britain's wildlife."

In Oxfordshire, the charity has already identified several flagship ponds.

Among them are Otmoor – a former rifle range in Oxford – now home to rare Tassel Stonewort, attractive water-violets and the bug-eating



Local MP Andrew Smith MP with Jeremy Biggs, director of the Pond Conservation Trust OX59194

bladderwort – and one small pond at Fringford, which is the only UK home, outside East Anglia, of a tiny water beetle.

Local conservation groups, such as the Rare Plant Group and Abingdon Naturalists, will be asked to help monitor these ponds' populations.

The project's second aim is to create a national species directory of all the UK's ponds called PondNet, training volunteers to monitor species and upload sightings to a website.

The third aim will be to carry out a national pond

pollution survey, run in collaboration with environmental education charity the Field Studies Council.

Pond Conservation will also use the Lottery money to employ five new regional project officers across the UK, who will train volunteers in conducting wildlife surveys.

It will also purchase hundreds of nitrate and phosphate meters for testing pollution in water sources from taps to rivers.

A Lottery spokesman said: "This project is a wonderful

opportunity for people of different age groups to put their wellies on, get out into the open and look after their local pond.

"We are very happy to be able to give initial support to this exciting project and we look forward to working closely with Pond Conservation as the charity develops its plans further."

The Lottery fund has already awarded Pond Conservation £64,000 to develop its project, and the charity will find out next year whether it has been given the full £965,000.

Soul singer joins line-up for music and food festival

SOUL singer Lianne La Havas will join a star-studded line-up for The Big Feastival this year.

Celebrity chef Jamie Oliver and Blur guitarist Alex James's music and cookery festival has already roped in the likes of Basement Jaxx, Rizzle Kicks, KT Tunstall and Norman Jay.

Now Ms La Havas, Take That's Mark Owen, actor Laurence Fox, Norwegian

band Bernhoft, London rockers The Milk and pop band Dodgy have now been added to the musical menu.

Chefs causing a stir at Alex's farm in Kingham include Rachel Khoo, Tom Kitchin, Simon

Hulstone, Jonray and Peter Sanchez Iglesias on the Electrolux Big Kitchen stage.

For more information about the festival – from August 31 until September 1 – go to thebigfeastival.com



Soul singer Lianne La Havas

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Ambulances in plea to use traffic-busting lane

InBRIEF

Street party date

■ THIS year's Banbury Old Town Festival will take place on Saturday, June 29. The street entertainment will this year have a theme of nursery rhymes. It will include a cappella singing from The Skeptics and stilt walkers. Nearby St Mary's Church Fete will be held the same day.



Campaigner John Lant from Patient Voice, patient transport operations manager for Oxfordshire Alan Lygo and ambulance care assistant Andy Willoughby OX59183

THE time it takes to transport patients across Oxfordshire could be cut if ambulances were able to use bus lanes to beat the traffic.

Calls for the non-emergency ambulances – known as Patient Transport Vehicles – to be allowed to use bus lanes were made by Oxfordshire-based watchdog Patient Voice last year. Now South Central Ambulance Service has confirmed it is in discussion with Oxfordshire County Council to get permission to use the traffic-busting lanes.

Service spokesman James Keating-Wilkes said: "While these journeys are not life-and-death emergencies, they are often urgent and time-critical to access medical care. "Traffic volume is forever increasing. Longer journey times are causing greater discomfort to patients, and increase the chances of late attendance for hospital and other appointments. "These factors inevitably have a detrimental 'knock-on' effect for NHS colleagues in local hospital out-patient departments, day centres, and clinics. "Utilisation of the bus lanes would cut down patient time in vehicles and help to ensure clinic appointment times are met."

"Patients who use the vehicles have to go through an eligibility criteria process set by the

By Katriona Ormiston

Clinical Commissioning groups to prove their need for assistance travelling to and from out-patient appointments.

Patient Voice chairman Jacquie Pearce-Gervis said: "When you go to hospital, you are not well – you are not fighting fit – and these upright transport vans are uncomfortable.

"It would take far less time if ambulances could use the bus lane. Journey times could probably be cut by half an hour."

An Oxfordshire County Council spokesman said: "This is something the ambulance service has raised with us, and we are always happy to discuss requests of this nature.

"However, any proposal to relax bus lane restrictions for certain categories of vehicle would need to be considered by the county council's new cabinet – which means at this stage we're not in a position to give an indication of the potential for such a proposal to be taken forward."

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■ Waving Cat of Japan show stuns with or without sound

CHILDREN and families will love a special theatre show at The Mill Theatre on Saturday, June 1, when the specialist entertainment company Krazy Kat brings its latest show to town.

The Waving Cat of Japan is an enchanting show signed for children with hearing impairment.

It is described as a spectacular, traditional Japanese Bunraku puppet-style theatrical fantasy.

The magical, fun-filled play uses the puppets to tell the story of a wicked sorceress whose beautiful daughter falls in love with a prince.

The sorceress gives the prince three seemingly impossible tasks to complete to win her daughter's hand in marriage.

The waving cat – a Japanese good luck symbol – offers him help to see his way through the challenges in his bid to marry the sorceress's daughter.

The Waving Cat of Japan is a fast-moving and funny show, just under an hour long and is suitable for children aged three-seven.

Krazy Kat is a not-for-profit, touring theatre company that specialises in unusual shows for young people. It uses creative and original use of sign language and has established a reputation for

elegant, flamboyant and witty productions. In this play, even the puppets sign so youngsters with any hearing loss will be able to enjoy the story to the full.

The Krazy Kat Theatre Company was established in 1982 by Kinny Gardner and Alastair S Macmillan as a fully professional touring company, creating innovative and imaginative visual theatre.

Its patrons are Toyah Willcox, Paul Gambaccini, Mabel Davis CBE and Maddy Prior.

It specialises in introducing young people and their grown-ups to the delights of live visual theatre combining mime, dance, song, Commedia dell Arte, puppets and sign language.

The practitioners craft stylish young people's shows which adults like to see and which all children can enjoy.

The highly visual aspect of Krazy Kat's work has always been its strength, allowing the performers to engage with many audiences where English is not their first language. Kinny was a member of The Scottish Mime Theatre for many years, has a deaf nephew, and is seen by both the deaf and hearing communities as a major innovator within visual theatre using Sign Language Arts.



SEE HERE: Krazy Kat Theatre Company's *The Waving Cat of Japan*

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FANS of rock legends Led Zeppelin are in for a treat when the country's leading tribute band plays an entire album back to back – and more!

Whole Lotta Led come to Banbury's Mill next Friday (May 31) with a brilliant Zep-filled extravaganza including a celebration of 40 years since *Houses of the Holy* was released.

The tribute band will use the second half of the gig to showcase the album in its entirety. But first they will also play a whole string of Zep songs from the back catalogue, from *Whole Lotta Love* to *Stairway to Heaven* and a

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"Whole Lotta Led are one of the biggest tribute acts in the UK. They're the only full-time, professional outfit dedicated to recreating the amazing songs which Led Zeppelin produced through their career," said Shona Edwards of The Mill.

"They've been to The Mill several times and those who have seen them have loved this very entertaining show. Last year the band made some big changes in their line-up which have allowed them to extend their Led Zeppelin repertoire and it's gone down a treat with UK audiences."

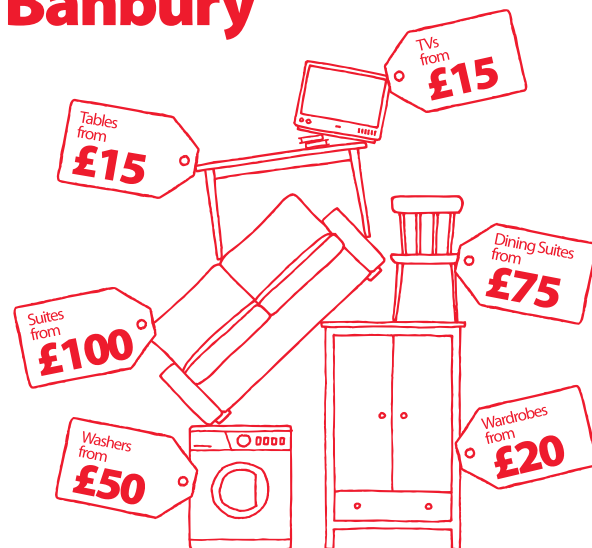
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Geoff Hunt, who formed the band 17 years ago, has ensured the band's ethos remains true to Zeppelin's great music. "If you haven't seen the band before you'll be well impressed and if you have seen the band, you must come and witness the amazing changes," said Hunt.

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SOUL TO SOUL

Sumptuous razzle dazzle fails to tug heartstrings

THE GREAT GATSBY 3D (12A, 143 mins) Romance/Drama. Leonardo DiCaprio, Tobey Maguire, Carey Mulligan, Joel Edgerton, Elizabeth Debicki, Isla Fisher, Jason Clarke, Amitabh Bachchan. Director: Baz Luhrmann.

At every great party, there is that inescapable moment when the music stops, the lights go up and all of the imperfections, which have been concealed so deliciously under a cloak of darkness, are suddenly thrown into sharp relief.

The heady air of booze-fuelled anticipation and flirtatious possibility dissipates in an instant.

That crushing, mournful realisation that the euphoria was just an illusion to be shared by audiences, who stumble bleary-eyed out of Baz Luhrmann's visually sumptuous and overlong adaptation of F Scott Fitzgerald.

The Great Gatsby is a razzle-dazzle of gorgeous costumes, jaw-dropping set design and directorial brio that effortlessly evokes the excesses of swinging 1920s New York.

The whirling camerawork and explosions of retina-searing colour, which have become Luhrmann's trademark, embolden every impeccably crafted frame, bejewelled with dream-bubble flashbacks, slow-motion swoops and a blizzard of typewriter letters that fall into the words of the film's voiceover narration.

Predictably the visionary filmmaker selects the 3D format by the scruff of the neck and flings champagne corks, fireworks and

iridescent party streamers at the camera like a mad man.

As one character remarks: "What a circus!"

Yet this is a circus lacking the big emotional wallop that epitomised the Australian ringmaster's other love stories including *Strictly Ballroom* and *Moulin Rouge!*.

Mysterious war hero Jay Gatsby (Leonardo DiCaprio) lives in a bay-side mansion with a menagerie of servants, who help him throw the most extravagant parties for the whole of New York.

Lowly stockbroker Nick Carraway (Tobey Maguire), who lives next door to this hullabaloo, is drawn into Gatsby's orbit and falls under his neighbour's spell.

As the stockbroker is granted admission to the millionaire's inner circle, he discovers heartbreak in Gatsby's past, linked to his cousin Daisy (Carey Mulligan), who lives across the bay with her philandering husband, Tom (Joel Edgerton).

While Tom conducts a tawdry affair with a married woman called Myrtle (Isla Fisher), Daisy seeks refuge in Nick's company and with her gal pal Jordan Baker (Elizabeth Debicki).

Past and present collide and jealousy poisons friendships, pitting Tom against Gatsby for Daisy's brittle affections.

Rip away the luxurious and gaudy packaging, and *The Great Gatsby* is reduced to an emotionally undernourished romance that fails to tug the heartstrings even with Craig Armstrong's score swelling and swooning in all of the right places.



Leonardo DiCaprio, Carey Mulligan and Joel Edgerton in a scene from *The Great Gatsby*

Picture: PA Photo/Warner Bros

DiCaprio inhabits his central role with conviction but sparks of screen chemistry with an expertly coiffed Mulligan fail to ignite.

Relative newcomer Debicki is far more captivating, shimmying through every frame with a twinkle in her eye that is missing from the rest of the cast, except perhaps Bollywood legend Amitabh Bachchan in an eye-catching cameo.

Young hearts ran free in Luhrmann's groundbreaking revision of *Romeo + Juliet*, here those same hearts maintain a slow steady beat.

CakeWhat's on

Music

SATURDAY: Coach & Horses Banbury, The Green, Adderbury: North Street. Male rock and pop covers duo. Free admission. 9pm. 01295 810422.

The Theatre, 2 Spring street, Chipping Norton: Hats Off To Led Zeppelin. Classic Led Zeppelin tribute. £16, conc £14. 7.30pm. 01608 642350.

TUESDAY: Methodist Church Hall, Chapel Lane, Adderbury: The Big Sing. Join acclaimed singer, musician and voice teacher Chris James and discover your natural voice. Chris is renowned for his ability to instantly unite audiences in harmony and song. An evening that is revitalising, fun and easy, leaving you feeling connected energised and inspired. 7.30pm. £15 (£12 booked). 07949 080974.

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Odeon, Horsefair, Banbury: Please call the cinema for

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The Theatre, 2 Spring Street, Chipping Norton: *Silver Screen Playbook*, 15, Mon 7.30pm. Cinema Bambino – please call for more details, Tue 10.45am. *The Spirit of '45*, U, Tue 7.30pm. *The Paperboy*, U, 15, Thu 7.30pm. 01608 642350

Theatre

Sam Khan Music Room, Bloxham School, High Street, Bloxham: May 25, *Travelling Light*. Poetic Licence perform an entertainment in words and music to get you in the mood for the summer's journeys and adventures. Includes extracts from the works of Sue Townsend, Peter Cook and Dudley Moore, John Betjeman, Miles Kingston and songs from Noel Coward, Flanders and Swann, Cole Porter and more. 7.30pm. £10 (£5 for under-16s). 01295 720951.

The Theatre, Spring Street, Chipping Norton: May 23, *Cotswold Comedy Club*.

A mixed bill of comedians, headlined by George Egg. £10. 7.45pm.

May 24, Josh Widdicombe – stand-up comedy. £13, concession £11. 7.45pm. 01608 642350

Events

SUNDAY: Charity Family Day: GF Club, Spiceball Park Road, Banbury. In aid of the Children's Ward, Horton General. Bric a brac, tombola, cake stall, book stall, childrens games, face painting, Aunt Sally, raffle, BBQ and live music. From 12pm. 01295 252852. **National Garden Scheme:** Barton Abbey, Steeple Barton. 15-acre garden with views from house (not open) across sweeping lawns and picturesque lake. Walled garden with colourful herbaceous borders, separated by established yew hedges and espalier fruit, contrasts with more informal woodland garden path. Wheelchair access. Dogs on leads. Plant sale. Teas. 2pm. Adults £4, children free

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It was very much a one-man show for the victors, with captain Nesan Jeyaratnam hitting an unbeaten 109 to steer his side to victory.

Having been asked to bat in this Serious Cricket Homes Counties Premier League match, Banbury got off to a solid start with Lloyd Sabin and Ian Tew putting on 72 for the first wicket, before Tew was run out.

Another half-century partnership followed between Sabin and Craig Haupt, but when the latter was out with the score on 126, Banbury then lost wickets at regular intervals.

Sabin top-scored with 69, which contained six fours and three sixes as the visitors closed on 214-9.

Chris Thompson was quickly amongst the top order as the hosts were reduced to 18-2.

But that brought Jeyaratnam to the crease, and although wickets fell at the other end, his super knock, with ten fours and two sixes, saw his side home in 49.3 overs.

It leaves Banbury sixth, on 31 points, 19 points behind the joint leaders

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L Sabin c Lewis b Jeyaratnam	69
I Tew run out Lewis	27
C Haupt c&b Jeyaratnam	25
N Hawkes lbw Qayyum	18
R West lbw Jeyaratnam	1
E Phillips run out Stewart	10
L Ryan b Qayyum	2
C Thompson not out	13
O Wright c Stewart b Wynne	7
J Phillips not out	9
Extras	12
Total (9 wickets, 50 overs)	214

Fall: 1-72, 2-126, 3-133, 4-143, 5-151, 6-160, 7-163, 8-192, 9-202.

Bowling: Johnston 7-0-44-0, Mehta 6-2-19-0, Wynne 9-0-36-1, Chavda 10-0-50-1, Jeyaratnam 10-0-19-3, Qayyum 8-1-43-2.

NORTH MYMPS

R Wynne c Thompson	3
S Snell c Haupt b Thompson	4
A Lewis lbw Ryan	31
N Jeyaratnam not out	109
C Stewart st Cater b Ryan	16
R Carter c Cater b Wright	7
J Johnston lbw Thompson	11
H Qayyum lbw West	15
A Parker not out	15
Extras	15
Total (7 wickets, 49.3 overs)	215

Fall: 1-5, 2-18, 3-61, 4-109, 5-176, 6-184, 7-196.

Bowling: Thompson 10-2-31-3, Wright 10-0-47-1, Phillips 10-1-51-0, Ryan 10-0-46-2, West 9-3-1-36-1.

● North Mymps 25pts, Banbury 6

Banbury's opener Lloyd Sabin scored 69



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ARIES

Mar 21-Apr 19

A jealous face tries to make mischief around you. Don't bite but try to concentrate on the positive situations in your life rather than the negative ones. Travelling Aries seems to find several opportunities to impress new faces. Some of you may even find yourself getting a job offer to go abroad or even just out of town. Give me a call now to hear which sign has an obsession with you.

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LIBRA

Sep 23-Oct 22

Things will not go as planned this week and you will be subjected to several delays. Try to keep a hold on that jealousy of yours or you could find yourself being cut out of upcoming invites and events from a close one. Time spent with older people help you realise and work out what you want to do with your career. Phone me now so we can work out your emotional needs together.

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TAURUS

Apr 20-May 20

Close ones may let you down this week, so be prepared. Indications show that pleasant and uplifting news will be heard before Thursday. You've grown so much as a person and you now see clearly the very situations and signs you need to avoid. Some practical advice you're given in your career can change your financial possibilities. Ring now. Let's look at tomorrow today.

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SCORPIO

Oct 23-Nov 21

Leave the stressful work to others and concentrate this week on working out how you can be happy in life. You've spent so much time trying to please other people, but now it's finally time to please yourself. Unexpected visitors may cause you distress but by the time this week comes to a close, you'll feel more in control than you've ever been. Phone me now to look at all aspects of your chart.

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GEMINI

May 21-Jun 20

A lucky offer comes out of the blue which could possibly be connected with a change work wise. Subjects who are connected with a good deal of writing in their work will find this a really progressive week. Most Geminis will find themselves getting more cooperation from loved ones and the bad atmosphere from last month is finally no longer affecting you. Ring me to reveal more.

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SAGITTARIUS

Nov 22-Dec 21

Obligations seem to be stronger and more tiring this week, but it's all set to be worth your while when you see what next week has to offer as a reward. Meetings go well midweek unless you revert to telling tall stories to impress people. Money can be made via a skill you thought you'd put to bed. Give me a call now to hear how Neptune sends a message via your dreams.

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CANCER

Jun 21-Jul 22

The good luck of a friend rubs off on you. You seem to have more free time on your hands this week. You are advised to use it by setting up an outstanding email or work exchange. Your emotional life is the key note to this week's events when your family and close friends claim most of your time. Give me a call now to hear why this is a great time for house sales, purchases and moves.

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CAPRICORN

Dec 22-Jan 19

All round improvements are coming up for you my friend. Now is the time to tie up those loose ends and minor commitments you've got yourself. Your mind will be set at rest over problems and you get more time to concentrate on what you want to do rather than running around for everyone else. News of a birth gives you reason to plan a journey. Call now to hear how good your future is.

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LEO

Jul 23-Aug 22

You find yourself having to work overtime to beat the clock. Extra work and tasks seem to face you. The peacemaker is your role when two friends disagree. Deals and speculations are favoured and there are signs of an important purchase. Don't bad mouth someone from your past. You're about to meet or deal with someone who has links to them. Call now for a surprise prediction on love.

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AQUARIUS

Jan 20-Feb 18

Your natural ability for making friends comes in really useful this week. This will be an excellent time that they think you should do in all things connected with writing or figures. Don't let Mars talk you into spilling others' secrets. Respect what they've told you and they'll respect what you've told them. Give me a call now to hear why you can for once mix business and pleasure.

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VIRGO

Aug 23-Sep 22

Try to keep a tight hold on your emotions when in the company of an ex friend or lover. Added stress in connection with arguments could see you neglecting your work or presenting yourself in an unprofessional manner. A change of pace on Wednesday sees you coming full circle in a family matter and you finally make sense of a recent confrontation. Ring now so I can explain fully.

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PISCES

Feb 19-Mar 20

When was the last time you asked yourself what you want, rather than asking others what they think you should do? The stars indicate it's been a while Pisces. Asserting your right to be who you want to be brings all sorts of new characters in your life. Trust your instincts in financial and business affairs on Friday when the planets offer you clarity and insight. Ring now for your love low down.

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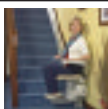
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Compact 4x4 goes with a green glow

By David Duffy

SOME cars leave you with an instant warm glow. In the case of Honda's CR-V, the glow is a green one.

Drive carefully and the large speedometer is illuminated by a ring of eco-friendly green light topped off by a small green tree. Push harder on the accelerator and the light shifts to white.

It is a bit of fun in a thoroughly self-assured vehicle that is building on a solid sales base. Since its introduction in 1995, more than five million CR-Vs have been sold worldwide.

The fourth generation CR-V is as car-like to drive as ever with bolder looks, a more refined interior, two- and four-wheel-drive versions and it is built in Swindon.

It might be a compact vehicle but it is crammed with equipment.

The test model was the £30,000 top-of-the-range model so you might expect some luxury touches, but it would be much quicker to list what is missing. From keyless entry and locking; heated leather upholstery and a climate-controlled cabin, to satellite navigation and a panoramic sunroof, this is one lavishly-equipped vehicle.

It is also supremely cleverly designed. A small example is the

system used to effortlessly fold the split rear seats. A gentle pull on a handle in the whopping loadspace automatically flips up the rear cushion and folds down the seat back to give a completely flat floor. Combine that with a powered tailgate and access to the rear is easier than ever.

Inside, the hip point of the rear passenger seats has been lowered to give a more comfortable seating position and increased headroom. And comfort is what travel in the CR-V is all about.

The car's aerodynamics have been improved and cabin noise is also lower than on previous models. Honda's build quality is legendary, so a comfortable, quiet, rattle-free ride is guaranteed.

Just as certain is a high level of technology that ranges from emissions-saving stop-start to a whiplash mitigation system on the



BRITISH BUILT: The fourth generation CR-V is as car-like to drive as ever with bolder looks

front seats. A battery of electronic systems, appearing on the CR-V for the first time, use cameras and radar to keep the car in its lane, hold the car at a pre-set distance from the vehicle ahead while using cruise control, and even automatically activate the brakes if a collision is unavoidable. Power for the test model came from a refined 150 horsepower 2.2-litre diesel engine, with the option of a 2.0-litre petrol.

And strips of LED daytime running lights and LED tail lights ensure that night or day, the CR-V always emits its own distinctive glow.

Auto facts

Model: Honda CR-V 2.2 i-DTEC EX
Price: £30,995
Insurance group: 27 (1-50)
Fuel consumption (Combined): 48.7mpg
Top speed: 118mph
Length: 457cm/180in
Width: 182cm/70.9in
Luggage capacity: 20.8 cu ft
Fuel tank capacity: 12.8 gallons/58 litres
CO₂ emissions: 136g/km
Warranty: 3 years/90,000 miles

Newcarscene

Golf offers range close to 1,000 miles

NEW to the impressive Volkswagen Golf range is the highly efficient BlueMotion model, offering a claimed fuel economy of 88.3mpg on the combined cycle and CO₂ emissions of 85g/km, while retaining the refinement and comfort of the standard car. With its 50-litre fuel tank and 88.3mpg fuel consumption, the new Golf BlueMotion has a theoretical range of 970 miles. Assuming an average annual driving distance of under 10,000 miles, most drivers will only have to refuel 10 times a year, and thanks to band A

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The reduction in the car's combined fuel consumption has been achieved through lightweight design (including 26kg less weight in the running gear and 37kg less in the body), engine-related modifications and a collection of other measures.

These include super-low rolling resistance tyres with higher air pressure, longer gear ratios (six-speed manual gearbox), the stop/start and battery regeneration systems that are standard in all new Golfs, plus

specific aerodynamic modifications.

At the heart of the new Golf BlueMotion is a 1.6-litre 110 horsepower common rail TDI from the new EA288 engine series (producing five horsepower more than in non-BlueMotion models). The four-cylinder, 16-valve unit develops its maximum pulling power from just 1,500rpm up to 3,000rpm.

Prices for the new Golf BlueMotion start at £20,335 (RRP OTR) for the three-door and rise to £20,990 for the five-door. First deliveries are due in August.

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■ NEW research from GoCompare.com into Brits' behind-the-wheel habits has revealed the UK as a nation of distracted drivers, with 72 per cent of drivers questioned in a survey admitting to multitasking while driving. The survey found that 31 per cent of UK motorists had spoken on the phone without using a hands-free kit, and 30 per cent admitted that they had read a text message whilst driving.

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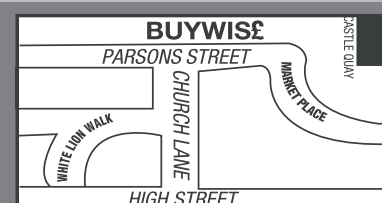
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